Preface : When Looking at the post-tribulation rapture one can not look at it with a prejudice mindset without looking at what the Bible has to say on the subject . And here I will give my case for the post tribulation rapture and answer all it's objects which the credicts had to offer about the issue. Many years ago as I was preparing a Bible study for a men's group and seeing all the views on the Rapture at 4 am , I stood at awe as the veil was taken out of my eyes and I saw that the pretribulation rapture had no Biblical foundation and the only thing that made sense Biblically was the post tribulation rapture. My hope is that all of you will enjoy this book as we go on this journey together.

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Chapter 1

Bible states the rapture will happen after the Tribulation

Sometimes I hear people state that there is no clear verse that states the Post tribulation rapture that is because we have to look at a passages with it's context. None of the verses I will give you will be taken out of it's context. Passages that states clearly that it will be after the tribulation are as follows :

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:29-31 NKJV)

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; "the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. "And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. (Mark 13:24-27 NKJV)

which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 NKJV)

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 NKJV)

Looking at these verses we see the rapture aka removig of the church not before the tribulation but

after.

Chapter 2

The saints will go through the Tribulation

Bible states saints will go through the tribulation not out of it.

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. (Matthew 24:9 NKJV)

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NKJV)

Chapter 3

Only Two Resurrections to be expected

Bible states there will be only two resurrections one for the righteous and one for the wicked. And the rapture is called the first resurrection which goes after the tribulation.

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice "and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (John 5:28-29 NKJV)

"And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just." (Luke 14:14 NKJV)

"But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; (Luke 20:35 NKJV)

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4-6 NKJV)

Chapter 4

Understanding Revelation 3:10

Some might say But Revelation 3:10 is very clear the church is not going through it but It is not according to the Greek . Let's see why.

"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall

come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. (Revelation 3:10 NKJV)

"I also will keep you from " or "I also will keep you in" The two greek words τηρέω (tēreō) and ἐκ (ek) could be translated keep in or take out. So this is not a clear verse for the rapture since it could be translated a other way. Jesus prayed not that we be taken out of tribulation but be kept in it .

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. (John 17:15 NKJV)

The Two greek words τηρέω (tēreō) and ἐκ (ek) is also used this verse in John 17:15 to mean to be kept in

Chapter 5

<u>Wrath to Come is also referance of Hell not tribulation</u>

Some might argue that going through the tribulation means going through the wrath of God and the church is not to go through the wrath of God.

and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! (Revelation 6:16 NKJV)

Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. (Revelation 15:7 NKJV)

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (1 Thessalonians 1:10 NKJV)

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 NKJV)

At first glance this might sound like a great arguement for the post tribulation rapture but it is not because hell is also called the wrath of God.

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:9-11 NKJV)

And that is the wrath that is refer to that the christian will be saved from seeing

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. (Romans 5:9 NKJV)

Chapter 6

If the post tribulation rapture happens , doesn't mean the end of unresurrected People

Those who hold the view of the pre tribulation rapture like Dr. Toussaint of Dallas Theological Seminary states that post tribulation rapture view doen't hold up because it doesn't explain unresurrected people in the 1,000 year reign of Christ because all unsaved will be wiped out in judgement . The Bible doesn't teach that all unsaved will be wiped out in judgement after the tribulation in it's context.

And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths. It shall come to pass in that day That a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand; Judah also will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations Shall be gathered together: Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance. Such also shall be the plague On the horse and the mule, On the camel and the donkey, And on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So shall this plague be. And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. (Zechariah 14:12-16 NKJV)

And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem..... {"All"} does not always include everyone for example:

Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. (Matthew 3:5-6 NKJV)

"All"} here does not include everyone for example many of the Pharisees and lawyers was not baptize by John. But it means some of every kind , poor and rich , Jews and Gentiles, Women and men. The very religious and not so religious.

(Luke 7:29-30) And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

And as we also see it is very clear that the "all" in Zechariah does not include every human because since we see those who are "left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles."

So the all in its context explain that not everyone is taken out in Judgement.

Chapter 7

The last trumpet

If one follows the Trumpets one see either the middle tribulation rapture or post tribulation rapture depending the way follows the judgements in the Book of Revelation.

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV)

Those of the pretribulation rapture states this is not the last trumpet , but only for the believers but those of the mid tribulation and post tribulation rapture sees there in no other trumpets after the seventh trumpet .

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. (Revelation 8:2 NKJV)

and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets. (Revelation 10:6-7 NKJV)

What is interesting before we continue is that when we get to chapter 10 we read about the mystery of God and in 1 Corinthians 15 Paul states "Behold, I tell you a mystery....." Already we see two connection last trumpet is the seven and a mystery is to be revealed .

The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly. Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail. (Revelation 11:14-19 NKJV)

Chapter 8

Is the restrainer of the Anti Christ the Holy Spirit with the church ? No

who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; (2 Thessalonians 2:4-8 NASB)

In the Greek which it was written in the words HE WHO in he who now restrains or HE in he taken out of the way is not found . It and He is implied. This is why in the King James we see the word what and he instead of just he like NASB

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. {withholdeth: or, holdeth} For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (2 Thessalonians 2:4-8 KJV)

And those who are of the Pretribulation Rapture view would say the He is the Holy Spirit and the what is the church in referance but nowhere in scripture can one get any clues of that is what Paul had in referance . Athough not all of them now Dr. Toussaint of Dallas Theological Seminary disagree with that view on it being the Holy Spirit's person . We see the Holy Spirit active in the Tribulation in the conversion of the Jewish people. This passage shows the Holy Spirit at work in the Tribulation.

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. "In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. "And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; "the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; "all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves. (Zechariah 12:10-14 NKJV)

The Early church Leaders believed that what was holding AntiChrist from being revealed was Rome. Example of this could be found in there writings .

John Chrysostom 4th Homilies on second Thessalonians {"One may naturally enquire, what is that which withholdeth, and after that would know, why Paul expresses it so obscurely. What then is it that withholdeth, that is, hindereth him from being revealed? Some indeed say, the grace of the Spirit, but others the Roman empire, to whom I most of all accede. Wherefore? Because if he meant to say the Spirit, he would not have spoken obscurely, but plainly, that even now the grace of the Spirit, that is the gifts, withhold him. And otherwise he ought now to have come, if he was about to come when the gifts ceased; for they have long since ceased. But because he said this of the Roman empire, he naturally glanced at it, and speaks covertly and darkly. For he did not wish to bring upon himself superfluous enmities, and useless dangers. For if he had said that after a little while the Roman empire would be dissolved, they would immediately have even overwhelmed him, as a pestilent person, and all the faithful, as living and warring to this end. And he did not say that it will be quickly, although he is always saying it-but what? "that he may be revealed in his own season," he says, "For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work." He speaks here of Nero, as if he were the type of Antichrist. For he too wished to be thought a god. And he has well said, "the mystery"; that is, it worketh not openly, as the other, nor without shame. For if there was found a man before that time, he means, who was not much behind Antichrist in wickedness, what wonder, if there shall now be one? But he did not also wish to point him out plainly: and this not from cowardice, but instructing us not to bring upon ourselves

unnecessary enmities, when there is nothing to call for it. So indeed he also says here. "Only there is one that restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way," that is, when the Roman empire is taken out of the way, then he shall come."}

So when Rome fell in 475 AD AntiChrist was to be revealed .And the one who recieved power when Rome fell at the hands of the Germanic people known as the Vandalsand Goths was the Bishop of Rome Known latter as the Pope. There was a time before that all the Bishops use to be called pope but when the Roman Bishop recieved power he want himself only to be known as the pope.

Martin Luther commits on this in his Table Talk CCCCXXVIII. {" The word Papa, Pope, comes, as I think, of the word Abba, repeated twice, meaning father of fathers. Of old the bishops were called Papa; Jerome, writing to Augustine, who was bishop of Hippo, calls him Holy Pope; and in the legend of St Cyprian, martyr, we read that the judge asked him: Art thou the Cyprian whom the Christians call their pope? It seems to me to have been a term applied to all the bishops. Children call their Fathers papa; the bishops were the spiritual papas of the people. Who, thirty years ago, would have dared to say of the pope what we now say of him? None then ventured to express himself respecting him in other terms than those of veneration and supplication."}